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# C E L E R Y 1983 CROP

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**ACREAGE:** In the 1983 season, 770 acres of celery were planted in New York, an increase over the 740 acres planted in 1982. Harvest acreage was 730 acres in both 1982 and 1983. The total summer and fall acreages planted in the U.S. in 1983 decreased from the 17,450 acres in 1981 and 18,460 acres in 1982 to 16,130 acres in 1983. Harvested acreage decreased from 17,120 in 1981 and 18,040 in 1982 to 15,780 acres in 1983.

**PRODUCTION:** In New York, the Summer and Fall production decreased from 316,000 cwt in 1981 and 350,000 cwt in 1982 to 299,000 cwt in 1983. The yield per acre for the summer and fall of 1983 in New York was 410 cwt, down from 480 cwt in 1982 and 465 cwt in 1981.

**GROWING CONDITIONS:** Cool and wet weather delayed fieldwork in April. Transplanting began the end of April and continued into May although interrupted by rain. Dry weather and above normal temperatures began the last part of May. Planting continued in volume into June. Due to dry conditions throughout the summer, growers had to irrigate. By the end of July, celery was in good condition. Dry and above normal temperatures continued through August and September.

**HARVEST:** Light cutting began the end of July. Cutting continued through August and September. Harvest began winding down in October and final cuttings were made the end of the month. Mechanical harvesting was the principal method used to harvest the crop.

**MARKETING:** The first of the season shipping point F.O.B. prices were reported on July 25 with 2 and 2-1/2 dozen bringing 8.50, and 3 dozen bringing 7.50. By mid-August, prices for 2 and 2-1/2 dozen went to 9.50 and 3 and 6 dozen to 8.00. Then prices gradually declined to the seasons low of 7.00-8.00 for 2 and 2-1/2 dozen and 6.00-6.50 for 3 and 4 dozen on September 6. September 8, prices rose to 8.00 for 1-1/2, 2, and 2-1/2 dozen and 7.00 for 3 and 4 dozen and remained there for the last report on September 9.

**PACKING AND SHIPMENTS:** Orange County celery was packed in wirebound crates and shipments were made by truck. Truck shipments were converted on the basis of 700 crates per trucklot equivalent. Total 1983 truck shipments for Orange County numbered 525 trucklot equivalents, compared with 528 in 1982 and 326 in 1981. Peak shipments occurred during the weeks ending August 6-August 20, and September 3-September 17. Celery was generally precooled.

**23 CITIES ARRIVALS:** New York grown celery was unloaded and sold mostly in Northeastern Markets: New York, Boston, and Baltimore were the the Major receiving points.

**1983 ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK CELERY TRUCK SHIPMENTS  
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS**

DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL
JULY 30	25	OCT. 1	35
		8	33
AUG. 6	55	15	32
13	50	22	9
20	53		
27	36		
SEPT. 3	48		
10	56		
17	51		
24	32		

**SHIPMENTS BY SEASON:**

1983 Total Trucklots 525  
 1982 Total Trucklots 528  
 1981 Total Trucklots 326

**U.S. WEEKLY CELERY SHIPMENTS IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY  
MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR 1983 IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS**

		<b>(MOVEMENT SHOWN FOR NEW YORK ACTIVE SHIPPING PERIOD)</b>			
<b>WEEK</b>	<b>ENDING</b>	<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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JULY	16	-	574	66	640
	23	-	497	128	625
	30	27	455	145	627
AUG.	6	56	404	148	608
	13	56	325	135	516
	20	63	390	132	585
	27	39	323	160	522
SEPT.	3	52	337	151	540
	10	60	330	162	552
	17	46	395	172	613
	24	37	396	168	601
OCT.	1	37	385	160	582
	8	36	462	142	640
	15	34	507	98	639
	22	12	600	42	654
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TOTAL		555	6380	2009	8944

SOURCE: Weekly Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section -  
Market News Branch AMS-USDA

**ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK - F.O.B. CELERY PRICES - 1983 SEASON**  
Pascal Type, wirebound crates, precooled

WEEK ENDING		2 and 2-1/2 dozen		3 and 4 dozen	
JULY	30		8.50		7.50
AUG.	6	8.00-	9.00	7.50-	8.00
	13	8.50-	9.50	7.50-	8.50
	20		9.50		8.50
	27	8.00-	9.50	7.00-	8.00
SEP.	3	7.00-	8.00	6.00-	7.00
	10	7.00-	8.00	6.00-	7.00

**1983 WEEKLY PRICE RANGE OF NEW YORK CELERY SALES AT IMPORTANT  
WHOLESALE MARKETS MOSTLY WIREBOUND CRATES**

**B A T I M O R E**

WEEK ENDING	-----	2 & 2-1/2 dozen	-----	3 & 4 dozen	-----
AUG. 6		10.00		-	
13		10.50		9.50	
20		10.50-11.50		10.00-11.00	
27		10.00-11.00		10.00-10.50	
SEP. 3		9.50-10.00		9.00- 9.50	

**B O S T O N**

AUG. 6	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 9.50
13	8.00- 8.50	6.50- 7.00
20	8.50- 9.50	7.00- 8.00
27	7.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00
SEP. 3	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 6.50
10	7.00- 7.50	5.00- 6.50

**P H I L A D E L P H I A**

AUG. 13	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
20	10.50	9.50
27	10.50	-
SEP. 3	10.00-10.50	9.00- 9.50
10	9.00-10.00	-

**N E W Y O R K C I T Y**

AUG. 6	10.00-11.00	-
13	8.00-10.00	8.00
20	9.50-12.00	-
27	8.00-10.00	-
SEP. 3	8.50- 9.00	-
10	9.00	-

**B U F F A L O**

AUG. 6	10.00-10.50	-
13	10.00-11.25	-
20	10.00-11.25	-
27	10.00-10.50	-
SEP. 3	8.50-10.50	-
10	8.00- 8.50	-



**U. S. MONTHLY CELERY ARRIVALS - 23 CITIES - RAIL, BOAT & TRUCK  
COMBINED IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS BY STATE OF ORIGIN DURING  
NEW YORK 1983 ACTIVE SEASON**

DATE	NY	CA	FL	MI	NJ	OH	OTHER	TOTAL
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JULY	8	1445	23	73	0	28	0	1577
AUGUST	95	903	0	198	5	28	13	1242
SEPTEMBER	133	780	0	208	3	25	25	1174
OCTOBER	88	995	0	170	0	18	30	1301
TOTAL	324	4123	23	649	8	99	68	5294

SOURCE: Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section  
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

**CELERY ARRIVALS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS  
JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31, 1983**

CITY	NY	CA	FL	MI	NJ	OH	OTHER	TOTAL
-----								
BALTIMORE	41	93	-	40	1	25	13	213
BOSTON	168	371	5	49	-	-	31	624
BUFFALO	8	16	-	5	-	-	42	71
NEW YORK CITY	100	620	2	62	-	1	12	797
PHILADELPHIA	7	103	4	92	7	17	20	250
TOTAL	324	1203	11	248	8	43	118	1955

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

**CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE  
1981-1982-1983**

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
JULY-DEC.				A	C	R	E	S	HUNDRED WEIGHT
Calif	2,100	1,700	1,400	2,100	1,700	1,400	620	650	665
(So.Coast)									
Calif	9,600	10,700	8,300	9,500	10,500	8,200	560	585	640
(Cent.Coast)									
Florida	1,200	1,400	1,600	1,200	1,400	1,500	300	310	340
Michigan	3,400	3,500	3,600	3,200	3,300	3,500	450	470	370
New York	680	740	770	680	730	730	465	480	410
Ohio	470	420	460	440	410	450	360	460	440
TOTAL	17,450	18,460	16,130	17,120	18,040	15,780	520	542	537

**CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET & PROCESSING: PRODUCTION & VALUE 1981-1982-1983**

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E			T O T A L		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
JULY-DEC									
Calif	1,302	1,105	931	10.30	7.52	16.00	13,411	8,310	14,896
(So.Coast)									
Calif	5,320	6,143	5,248	10.10	7.41	13.10	53,880	45,516	68,755
(Cent.Coast)									
Florida	360	434	510	12.90	9.41	17.20	4,644	4,084	8,772
Michigan	1,440	1,551	1,295	11.00	10.60	12.70	15,784	16,400	16,504
New York	316	350	299	13.20	10.40	13.80	4,171	3,640	4,126
Ohio	158	189	198	12.30	9.28	13.30	1,943	1,754	2,633
TOTAL	8,896	9,772	8,481	10.50	8.16	13.60	93,833	79,704	115,686

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board, SRS-USDA  
Vegetable Fresh Market 1983 Annual Summary

# S W E E T C O R N 1983 CROP

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**ACREAGE:** In New York in 1983, 22,700 acres of sweet corn for fresh market were planted, up from 20,900 acres in 1982. Harvested acres were 21,300 in 1983, an increase from 20,000 acres in 1982. The total U.S. summer sweet corn plantings in 1983 were 135,300, a decrease from the 136,600 in 1982 and 135,400 in 1981.

**PRODUCTION:** The New York State Sweet Corn production for 1983 was 1,619,000 cwt, an increase from 1,560,000 in 1982. The yield per acre in New York in 1983 was 76 cwt compared to 78 cwt in 1982 and 71 cwt in 1981. The U.S. summer production for 1983 was 9,303,000 cwt, an increase over 9,067,000 cwt in 1982 and 9,151,000 cwt in 1981.

**GROWING CONDITIONS:** Wet spring weather in April and May delayed fieldwork. Planting began in April and was well underway by the end of May. Planting continued through a dry June and was on schedule the last of June. Early stands were growing well but some of the others were uneven. The corn was tasselling by mid-July with the warm, dry weather. By the last of July, the corn was stressed by the lack of rain.

**HARVESTING:** Harvest began the last of July and the first week in August. By the end of August, harvest was in full swing, and the below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures continued. By the first of September, harvest was moving rapidly as the hot weather was pushing the crop to maturity. By the third week of September, harvest was winding down. Quality was good but ear size was generally small. Harvesting was done by manual labor and mechanical harvesters. Most corn for commercial shipments was iced and some was hyro-cooled.

**MARKETING:** The first F.O.B. shipping point prices of sweet corn were reported on July 21 with 4-1/2 and 5 dozen Yellow beginning at 4.50-5.00. The price gradually decreased to the season low of 3.00-4.00 by late August and then began to increase reaching the season high of 6.50-7.00 on the last report, September 19. Most offerings of sweet corn were Yellow. Light supplies of White corn were also available. The quality of sweet corn was generally good.

**PACKAGING AND SHIPMENTS:** Hudson Valley corn was packed mostly in wirebound crates, though paper and mesh sacks were also used, primarily for delivery to roadside stands. All shipments were made by truck and were converted to trucklot equivalents on the basis of 950 containers per trucklot. Total shipments reported during the season were 923 compared to 936 in 1982 and 787 in 1981.

**23 CITIES ARRIVALS:** The primary markets for New York corn are in the Northeast, New York City as the principal receiving area. Other important markets were; Baltimore, Buffalo, Boston, Atlanta, and Philadelphia.

**1983 HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK SWEET CORN TRUCK SHIPMENTS  
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS**

WEEK ENDING		WEEKLY TOTAL	WEEK ENDING		WEEKLY TOTAL
JULY	23	20	SEPT.	3	145
	30	86		10	92
				17	85
AUG.	6	110			
	13	134			
	20	117			
	27	154			

**SHIPMENTS BY SEASON:**

1983 Total Trucklots - 923  
 1982 Total Trucklots - 936  
 1981 Total Trucklots - 787

**U.S. WEEKLY CORN SHIPMENTS IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY  
MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR 1983 IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS  
(MOVEMENT SHOWN FOR NEW YORK SHIPPING PERIOD)**

WEEK ENDING		NY	CA	FL	NC	NJ	WA	TOTAL
JULY	16	-	97	104	134	38	49	422
	23	20	84	12	75	95	139	425
	30	80	81	1	16	50	110	338
AUG.	6	103	70	-	-	38	107	318
	13	133	57	-	-	32	40	262
	20	116	73	-	-	18	14	221
	27	154	69	-	-	-	13	236
SEPT.	3	141	71	-	-	-	12	224
	10	92	31	-	-	-	-	123
	17	82	43	-	-	-	-	125
	24	2	39	3	-	-	-	44
TOTAL		923	715	120	225	271	484	2738

SOURCE: Weekly Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section -  
 Market News Branch AMS-USDA

**HUDSON VALLEY NEW YORK F.O.B. CORN PRICES 1983 SEASON**  
**WIREBOUND CRATES APPROXIMATELY 4-1/2 - 5 DOZEN**

DATE		YELLOW	WHITE	DATE		YELLOW	WHITE
JULY	23	7.00-8.00	-	SEPT.	3	3.00-4.00	4.50-5.00
	30	5.00-6.00	-		10	4.50-5.00	5.50-7.00
AUG.	6	4.00-5.00	7.00-8.00		17	5.50-6.00	7.00
	13	3.50-4.50	6.00-8.00		24	6.50-7.00	-
	20	3.00-4.00	4.00-6.00				
	27	3.00-4.00	4.50-5.50				

**1983 WEEKLY PRICE RANGE FOR SALES OF NEW YORK SWEET CORN**  
**AT IMPORTANT WHOLESALE MARKETS**  
 Wirebound Crates unless otherwise stated

WEEK ENDING		NEW YORK CITY	Y E L L O W	BUFFALO
AUG.	6	6.00-7.00		4.50-5.00
	13	4.00-5.50		3.50-4.50
	20	3.00-4.00		3.00-4.00
	27	4.00-5.00		3.00-3.50
SEP.	3	4.50-5.50		2.50-3.00
	10	5.00-6.00		2.00-3.50
	17	5.00-6.00		3.00-3.50
	24	5.50-6.00		3.50-4.00
		BOSTON		BALTIMORE
AUG.	6	-		6.00
	13	3.00		7.00
	20	3.00-3.50		4.50-5.00
	27	4.00-5.00		5.00-5.50
SEP.	3	3.50-4.00		5.00-5.50
	10	3.00-6.00		5.00-6.00
	17	6.00		6.00-6.50
	24	4.00		6.50

**U. S. MONTHLY SWEET CORN ARRIVALS - 23 CITIES - RAIL, BOAT & TRUCK  
COMBINED IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS DURING  
HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK - 1983 ACTIVE SEASON**

DATE	NY	CT	DE	FL	MA	MI	NC	NJ	OH	PA	OTHER	TOTAL
JULY	20	5	3	350	25	5	155	93	33	3	713	1405
AUGUST	215	13	10	0	88	60	15	98	108	20	635	1262
SEPT.	188	3	5	10	20	33	0	25	18	35	392	729
TOTAL	423	21	18	360	133	98	170	216	159	58	1740	3396

SOURCE: Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section  
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

**SWEET CORN ARRIVALS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS\* IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS  
JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1983**

CITY	NY	CT	DE	FL	MA	NC	NJ	OH	PA	OTHER	TOTAL
ATLANTA	37	-	-	21	-	19	2	11	-	78	168
BALTIMORE	76	-	5	37	-	46	14	-	-	20	198
BOSTON	38	17	-	37	133	47	30	-	-	29	331
BUFFALO	48	-	-	10	-	1	-	2	-	1	62
CINCINNATI	20	-	1	30	-	2	2	37	-	3	95
COLUMBIA	17	-	4	12	-	6	1	3	-	1	44
NEW YORK	145	1	1	34	-	15	89	-	-	92	377
PHILADELPHIA	28	-	-	37	-	8	77	-	27	11	188
ST LOUIS	10	-	-	22	-	-	-	14	-	94	140
TOTAL	419	18	11	240	133	144	215	67	27	329	1603

\* Other Markets with New York Corn unloads include: Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2, and Detroit 2.

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

**SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE  
1981-1982-1983**

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
JULY-DEC.				A	C	R	E	S	HUNDRED WEIGHT
Alabama	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,200	34	37	32
Calif	8,200	7,500	8,600	8,200	7,500	8,600	110	95	110
Colorado	3,400	3,400	3,100	3,200	3,100	3,000	97	100	115
Conn	4,400	4,200	4,300	3,700	3,200	3,900	60	63	72
Florida	12,800	16,000	13,300	11,700	13,800	12,800	68	57	70
Illinois	3,900	4,000	4,000	3,700	3,800	3,700	81	80	85
Mass	9,100	9,000	9,700	8,800	7,700	8,700	85	88	92
Michigan	12,000	12,500	12,500	11,500	12,200	12,000	61	66	70
New Jersey	10,300	10,100	9,500	10,100	9,600	9,000	78	74	70
New York	23,000	20,900	22,700	22,200	20,000	21,300	71	78	76
No. Carolina	5,000	5,100	5,000	4,800	4,900	4,700	65	70	60
Ohio	16,500	17,000	16,000	15,000	16,000	15,700	65	65	70
Oregon	1,900	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,700	85	110	95
Penn	16,600	16,600	16,800	15,800	15,800	15,300	55	55	44
Virginia	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	1,900	86	90	65
Washington	3,000	3,000	2,700	2,800	2,900	2,600	75	80	85
TOTAL	135,400	136,600	135,300	128,400	127,500	127,100	71	71	73

**SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1981-1982-1983**

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E			T O T A L		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
JULY-DEC									
Alabama	99	107	70	7.50	10.60	19.30	743	1,134	1,351
Calif	902	713	946	13.30	10.30	12.00	11,997	7,344	11,352
Colorado	310	310	345	6.70	8.20	8.70	2,077	2,542	3,002
Conn	222	202	281	12.20	13.50	13.40	2,708	2,727	3,765
Florida	796	787	896	13.20	16.00	10.90	10,507	12,592	9,766
Illinois	300	304	315	9.96	8.83	11.10	2,988	2,684	3,497
Mass	748	678	800	11.70	14.00	13.30	8,752	9,492	10,640
Michigan	702	805	840	9.84	8.81	11.10	6,908	7,092	9,324
New Jersey	788	710	630	12.40	12.30	13.40	9,771	8,733	8,442
New York	1,576	1,560	1,619	10.80	10.30	10.30	17,021	16,068	16,676
No. Carolina	312	343	282	10.30	9.78	10.10	3,214	3,355	2,848
Ohio	975	1,040	1,099	12.30	11.60	13.30	11,993	12,064	14,617
Oregon	153	209	162	13.80	11.20	12.70	2,111	2,341	2,057
Penn	869	869	673	12.40	12.80	14.30	10,776	11,123	9,624
Virginia	189	198	124	11.50	11.50	11.10	2,174	2,277	1,376
Washington	210	232	221	11.50	11.70	15.30	2,415	2,714	3,381
TOTAL	9,151	9,067	9,303	11.60	11.50	12.00	106,155	104,282	111,718

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board SRS-USDA  
Vegetable Fresh Market 1983 Annual Summary

## WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - CUCUMBERS

**WEATHER AND CROP:** Generally cool, wet weather in May retarded crop progress. Hot, dry weather in July reduced yields and resulted in light supplies in late September. Harvest began in late July and peaked around August 15th. Thereafter, the effects of July weather resulted in steadily declining volume. Most growers were finished by mid to late September.

**MARKETING:** The first cucumber F.O.B. report was issued on Thursday, July 28, with the first quotations at 8.50-9.00 per bushel for medium (super selects) and 3.25-3.75 for cartons of 24, all U.S. #1 washed and waxed. As supplies increased, prices declined to 7.00-8.00 by the first of August. Prices for further deteriorated through the end of August as volume peaked. Better demand and lighter supplies through September led to higher prices, peaking at 9.00-10.00 for bushels by mid-September. Supplies were generally finished by the end of September.

**MOVEMENT:** The 1983 crop movement totaled 515 trucklots (40,000 lbs), compared to 379 trucklots in 1982, and 634 trucklots in the 1981 season.

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**CUCUMBERS - 1983 SEASON**  
**WESTERN & CENTRAL NEW YORK F.O.B. PRICES**

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W A X E D				
WEEK	:	1-1/9 Bushel Carton	:	Cartons
ENDING	:	Medium	:	24s
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1983				
JULY	29	8.50-9.00		3.25-3.75
AUG.	5	7.00-8.00		2.00-3.75
	12	5.50-7.00		1.50-2.00
	19	5.25-6.50		1.50-2.00
	26	5.25-7.50		1.60-2.25
SEP.	2	7.50-8.50		2.00-2.50
	9	8.00-9.00		2.25-2.75
	16	8.00-9.25		2.50-3.75
	23	9.00-9.25		2.25-3.10

**1983 WESTERN & CENTRAL NEW YORK CUCUMBERS TRUCK SHIPMENTS**  
**IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS (40,000 LB. UNITS)**

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WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY TOTAL
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JULY 30	14
AUG. 6	47
13	54
20	83
27	80
SEP. 3	79
10	79
17	56
24	24

1983 TOTAL TRUCKLOTS - 515

# L E T T U C E 1983 CROP

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**ACREAGE:** According to the Statistical Reporting Service, total July-December lettuce areage planted in New York in 1983 was 4400 compared to 4200 in 1982. In 1982 and 1983, harvested acreage in New York was 4000. For the U.S. total July-December season, 126,800 acres were planted in 1983, which was more than the 121,800 acres in 1982. Harvested acreage for 1983 was 125,040, an increase from the 120,250 acres in 1982.

**PRODUCTION:** New York's total 1983 production was 780,000 cwt, a decrease from 840,000 cwt in 1982. The average yield per acre in New York for 1983 was 195 cwt, a decrease from 210 cwt in 1982. The total U.S. July-December production in 1983 was 35,711,000 cwt compared to 35,002,000 cwt in 1982. The total U.S. average yield per acre in 1983 was 286 cwt, a decrease from 291 cwt in 1982.

**PACKAGING:** Iceberg lettuce was packed in cartons containing 24 heads and was vacuum cooled.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Shipments were made by truck. Truck shipments were converted to trucklot equivalents by using the factors of 800 cartons per trucklot.

**23 CITIES ARRIVALS:** New York lettuce was primarily shipped to Northeastern Markets. The primary markets for New York lettuce were New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, and Baltimore-Washington.

## EASTERN NEW YORK - ORANGE COUNTY

**GROWING CONDITIONS:** Planting began about the first week in May. Below normal temperatures and wet spring weather continued through most of May, but planting remained on schedule. The rains ended in June, then dry weather and generally above normal temperatures continued throughout the summer making irrigation necessary. Quality was good considering the weather conditions of the summer. The warm and dry conditions continued into September.

**HARVEST:** Harvest began the end of June was in full swing in July. By the end of August, harvest was winding down and finished up in September.

**SHIPMENTS:** Heaviest shipments were recorded between weeks ending July 2 and 23. Total shipments reported during the season for Orange County were 386 trucklot equivalents compared to 322 in 1982 and 387 in 1981.

**MARKETING:** The first market report of F.O.B. shipping point prices for lettuce was released on July 18, 1983 and showed cartons of Iceberg lettuce at 5.00-6.00 (including vacuum cooling charges). Prices dropped to 4.50-5.00 by July 20 then remained at 5.00 until August 4 when the price began to increase as supplies decreased and reached the season high of 7.00 for the last reported prices on August 10.

## WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - LETTUCE

**WEATHER AND CROP:** Acreage planted to lettuce in Oswego County in 1983 declined 11% to 1602 acres, compared to 1807 acres in 1982 according to the NYS Crop Reporting Service. Acreage in Ontario-Steuben-Yates Counties increased 150% from 109 to 274 acres. By the first week in May, sporadic planting began. However, growers were generally hampered by wet fields. Through May, crop developments was slowed by cool, wet weather, although planting continued on schedule. During June, conditions changed to generally hot and dry. Lettuce harvest began shortly after the Fourth of July holiday, with quality generally very good. By mid-July, harvest volume was increasing steadily. Hot, dry weather through much of July and August adversely affected crop development, with harvest winding down prematurely by late August.

**MARKETING:** The first Iceberg lettuce F.O.B. was issued on Tuesday, July 5, with initial quotations at 6.50-7.00 per carton of 24 heads, vacuum cooling charges included. Prices declined through July to the 4.00-5.00 level. During August, lighter supplies contributed to steadily rising prices through the first two weeks, when prices peaked at 10.00 per carton. Thereafter, light demand resulted in steadily lower prices until September. During early September, prices rose, although at this time most growers were finishing for the season.

**MOVEMENT:** The 1983 crop movement totaled 1231 trucklots (40,000 lbs), compared to 1539 trucklots for the 1982 season, and 1328 trucklots for the 1981 season.

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**WEEKLY NEW YORK ICEBERG TYPE LETTUCE TRUCK SHIPMENTS-1983 SEASON  
SHOWN IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS**

WEEK ENDING		ORANGE COUNTY	WESTERN NEW YORK	TOTAL NEW YORK
JUNE	25	40	-	40
JULY	2	55	38	93
	9	42	125	167
	16	44	195	239
	23	53	186	239
	30	30	117	147
AUG.	6	17	110	127
	13	5	92	97
	20	4	110	114
	27	-	103	103
SEP.	3	9	87	96
	10	21	70	91
	17	19	-	19
	24	14	-	14
OCT.	1	15	-	15
	8	16	-	16
	15	3	-	3
1983 TOTAL		387	1233	1620
1982 TOTAL		322	1544	1866
1981 TOTAL		387	1328	1715

**U. S. WEEKLY ICEBERG TYPE LETTUCE SHIPMENTS (RAIL & TRUCK)  
IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR - 1983**

WEEK ENDING	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	NEW JERSEY	TOTAL
JUNE 18	3	2345	-	182	2530
25	38	2746	-	131	2915
JULY 2	84	3402	46	42	3574
9	168	2575	109	1	2853
16	240	2596	137	-	2973
23	239	2185	125	-	2549
30	146	2175	226	-	2547
AUG. 6	127	2383	295	-	2805
13	97	2380	198	-	2675
20	114	2432	247	-	2793
27	103	2577	206	-	2886
SEPT. 3	95	2822	227	-	3144
10	92	2180	128	-	2400
17	20	2363	125	4	2512
24	14	2889	77	42	3022
OCT. 1	16	2469	43	64	2592
8	16	2689	20	111	2836
15	3	2004	-	119	2126
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1615</b>	<b>45212</b>	<b>2209</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>49732</b>

SOURCE: Transportation Section, Washington, D. C.

**NEW YORK F.O.B. LETTUCE PRICES 1983 SEASON**

WEEK ENDING	WESTERN NEW YORK		ORANGE COUNTY-NEW YORK		
	ICEBERG *CTNS 24s	ICEBERG *CTNS 24s	BOSTON TYPE BOSTON CRTS 24s	EASTERN CRTS 24s	ROMAINE 1-1/9 BU. CRTS
JULY 9	5.00-7.00	-	-	-	-
16	5.00-5.75	-	-	-	-
23	4.50-5.50	4.50-6.00	5.00	4.00-6.00	4.00-6.00
30	4.00-5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00-6.00	4.00-6.00
AUG. 6	4.50-6.00	5.00	4.00-6.00	4.00-6.00	4.00-6.00
13	6.50-10.00	5.00-7.00	-	-	-
20	6.25-10.00	-	-	-	-
27	5.00-6.25	-	-	-	-
SEP. 3	4.50-5.50	-	-	-	-
10	5.00-7.00	-	-	-	-

\*Vacuum Cooling Included.

**U. S. MONTHLY ICEBERG LETTUCE ARRIVALS-23 CITIES-RAIL & TRUCK COMBINED  
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS BY STATE OF ORIGIN DURING  
NEW YORK 1983 ACTIVE SHIPPING SEASON**

DATE	NY	CA	CO	MI	NJ	WI	OTHER	TOTAL
JUNE	18	5730	-	-	138	-	475	6361
JULY	285	5120	123	23	28	18	73	5670
AUGUST	163	4970	232	12	0	23	102	5502
SEPTEMBER	73	4828	170	15	28	15	73	5202
TOTAL	539	20648	525	50	194	56	723	22735

SOURCE: Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section  
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

**ICEBERG LETTUCE ARRIVALS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS  
(IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS) JUNE 1 - SEPT. 30, 1983**

CITY	NY	AZ	CA	CO	MI	NJ	WI	OTHER	TOTAL
BALT-WASH	39	27	707	75	21	51	11	51	982
BOSTON	107	17	1985	36	-	114	-	127	2386
BUFFALO	63	22	161	43	-	2	-	67	358
COLUMBIA	5	10	257	13	15	8	3	6	317
NYC-NEWARK	100	89	3382	55	6	55	9	29	3725
PHILA	236	42	942	27	4	95	20	44	1410
PITTSBURGH	6	15	636	31	3	5	10	7	713
TOTAL	556	222	8070	280	49	330	53	331	9891

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

\*Other markets with New York lettuce arrivals were: Montreal 25, Ottawa 4 and Toronto 19.

**LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE  
1981-1982-1983**

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
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JULY-DEC				A	C	R	E	S	HUNDRED WEIGHT
Ariz-Yuma	7,000	9,000	9,900	7,000	9,000	9,900	320	300	300
Ariz-Other	3,500	4,700	4,600	3,500	4,700	4,600	210	265	220
Calif	90,500	87,200	91,100	90,500	87,200	91,100	305	310	305
Colorado	5,100	2,800	3,900	4,600	2,400	3,800	250	210	235
Florida	2,800	2,600	2,700	2,600	2,500	2,600	175	190	180
Michigan	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,500	1,200	215	250	190
New Jersey	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,300	1,300	240	260	200
New Mexico	3,500	3,500	3,200	2,800	3,300	3,000	210	230	200
New York	4,100	4,200	4,400	3,800	4,000	4,000	195	210	195
Ohio	700	700	700	550	550	650	110	150	180
Texas	1,300	1,600	1,500	1,200	1,500	1,200	200	150	230
Washington	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,000	195	180	200
Wisconsin	980	1,200	700	950	1,100	690	210	190	175
TOTAL	123,980	121,800	126,800	121,600	120,250	125,040	287	291	286

**LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1981-1982-1983**

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E					
	1981	1982	1983	PER CWT.			T O T A L		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
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JULY-DEC.	1,000 CWT			DOLLARS			1,000 DOLLARS		
Ariz-Yuma	2,240	2,700	2,970	18.50	12.80	15.40	41,440	34,560	45,738
Ariz-Other	735	1,246	1,012	12.60	12.30	15.80	9,261	15,326	15,990
Calif	27,603	27,032	27,786	11.20	9.01	13.20	309,154	243,558	366,775
Colorado	1,150	504	893	10.60	7.67	11.80	12,190	3,866	10,537
Florida	455	475	468	30.50	20.20	20.00	13,878	9,595	9,360
Michigan	258	375	228	22.00	13.80	16.60	5,676	5,175	3,785
New Jersey	408	338	260	12.10	10.50	12.30	4,937	3,549	3,198
New Mexico	588	759	600	9.99	9.93	16.50	5,874	7,537	9,900
New York	741	840	780	18.10	13.30	15.50	13,412	11,172	12,090
Ohio	61	83	117	43.50	32.10	40.40	2,654	2,664	4,727
Texas	240	225	276	19.20	13.70	13.80	4,608	3,083	3,809
Washington	234	216	200	13.30	11.10	14.00	3,112	2,398	2,800
Wisconsin	200	209	121	9.60	8.10	9.65	1,920	1,693	1,168
TOTAL	34,913	35,002	35,711	12.30	9.83	13.70	428,116	344,176	489,877

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board SRS-USDA  
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